



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced sporadic rainfall with hail reported in the northeast region of the state. Temperatures remained average for this time of year. These conditions allowed producers 6.0 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	19	75	2
Last Week	5	24	66	5
Last Year	3	29	62	6

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	25	70	2
Last Week	4	27	67	2
Last Year	4	38	51	7

Small Grains: Spring barley had 29 percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 88 percent turning color, 8 percentage points behind the 5-year average, with 15 percent harvested by week's end. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: Corn reached 48 percent in dough with 2 percent dented and was rated in good to excellent condition by the end of the week. Sorghum was 88 percent headed and 34 percent turning color with the crop rated in good to fair condition. Sunflowers were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry onions were 2 percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition at the end of the week. The harvest of summer potatoes continues with 3 percent harvested, 6 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending August 15, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	1	18	73	8
Last Year	1	2	25	39	33
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	3	25	61	11
Last Year	0	0	22	58	20

Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans are 92 percent flowered, ahead of the 5-year average of 84 percent, while maintaining mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture, Range and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado decreased slightly to mostly good to fair condition last week due to the decrease in rainfall. The second cutting of alfalfa continues with 89 percent complete and 22 percent of the third cutting of alfalfa has already been completed. The alfalfa hay crop is rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 15, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	0	6	32	55	7
Prev. Year - 2009	0	2	28	60	10
5-Year Avg.	12	20	34	29	5

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 15, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	100	99	100	100
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	97	86	100	98
Harvested	29	20	35	32
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	88	77	99	96
Harvested	15	11	27	26
Corn				
Silked	99	97	95	94
Dough	48	20	27	36
Dent	2	-	8	8
Sorghum				
Headed	88	64	58	70
Coloring	34	22	44	30
Mature	-	-	4	1
Dry Onions				
Harvested	2	1	6	7
Dry Beans				
Flowered	92	88	90	84
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	89	84	76	86
3 rd Cutting	22	6	10	13
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	3	2	8	9

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	3	16	71	10
Corn	0	2	15	56	27
Sorghum	1	5	26	50	18
Dry Onions	1	1	16	72	10
Dry Beans	1	4	38	55	2
Alfalfa	0	3	31	54	12
Sugarbeets	0	0	8	76	16
Summer Potatoes	0	10	11	78	1
Fall Potatoes	0	1	15	67	17
Sunflowers	1	3	27	50	19

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.